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tants live. The deaths from intestinal diseases, anæmia, malnutrition, etc., are entirely out of proportion. One death from diphtheria is reported.

Respectfully,

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[Inclosure.]

Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, playa, and surrounding country) during the month of January, 1902.

PONCE, P. R., *February 1, 1902.*

Diseases of—		Diphtheria	1
Digestive system	16	Old age	1
Respiratory system	8	Metritis	2
Circulatory system	4	Alcoholism	1
Nervous system	7	Rachitis	2
Anæmia, malnutrition, inanition	20	Unknown causes	1
Malaria	8	Septicaemia	1
Nephritis	1		
Tuberculosis	1	Total	84
Cancer	1		

Number of deaths reported during January, 1902 (*a*)	84
Number of deaths reported during January, 1901 (*a*)	176
Number of births reported during January, 1902 (*a*)	171
Number of births reported during January, 1901 (*a*)	87

a These figures are for the city proper, the playa, and surrounding district of Ponce, P. R.

Inspection of immigrants at Ponce for the week ended January 18, 1902.

PONCE, P. R., *January 20, 1902.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended January 18, 1902. January 17, French steamship *St. Domingue*, from Port au Prince and Santo Domingo, with 3 immigrants; Spanish steamship *Cataluña*, from Havana, Port Limon, Sabanilla, Colon, Puerto Cabello, La Guayra, with 7 immigrants. January 18, provisional flag steamship *Julia*, from Havana and Santo Domingo, with 10 immigrants. Total, 20.

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Inspection of immigrants at Ponce for the week ended January 25, 1902.

PONCE, P. R., *January 27, 1902.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended January 25, 1902. January 22, American steamship *Zulia*, from Maracaibo, Curaçao, with 2 immigrants.

Respectfully,

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